

Senate Referrals: S. 735 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. Con. Res. 13 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4548–49, H4550, H4551. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office, NRO, and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, NGA. Testimony was heard from MG Ellen Pawlikowski, USAF, Acting Director, NRO; and ADM Robert B. Murrett, USN, Director, NGA, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment began joint hearings on the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BAYER'S FATAL CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Secrecy in the Response to Bayer's Fatal Chemical Plant Explosion." Testimony was heard from John Bresland, Chairman, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy and Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of West Virginia: Michael Dorsey, Chief, Homeland Security and Emergency Response; and Pamela Nixon, Environmental Advocate, both with the Department of Environment Protection; and Joseph Crawford, Chief of Police, St. Albans; and public witnesses.

NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on A New Age for Newspapers: Diversity of Voices, Competition and the Internet. Testimony was heard from Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney General,

Economics, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SYSTEMIC THREATS OF LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, New York, NY; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Thomas M. Hoenig, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management stimulus funding, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of U.S. ground forces, with the possibility of a closed session following in SVC–217, 10 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine global climate change, focusing on U.S. leadership for a new global agreement, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International

Security, to hold hearings to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine pending health related legislation, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review producers' views on the effectiveness and operations of the Federal crop insurance program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Supplemental Request, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Members Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Coast Guard: Measuring Mission Needs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs: Law Enforcement and Violence, 9:30 a.m., and on Member Requests, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on U.S. Capitol Police, and GPO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, on Air Sovereignty Alert Operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on the 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue joint hearings on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on New Beginnings: Foreign Policy Priorities in the Obama Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1913, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009; H.R. 1748, Fight Fraud Act of 2009; H.R. 1788, False Claims Act Correction Act of 2009; H.R. 1676, PACT Act; H.R. 1667, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2009; and H.R. 1741, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009; H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009; and H.R. 934, To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "Public Service in the 21st Century: An Examination of the State of the Federal Workforce," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Monitoring, Measurement and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions II: The Role of Federal and Academic Research and Monitoring Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The Importance of Technology in an Economic Recovery," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Oversight of Helicopter Medical Services, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on reforming the health insurance market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on AFRICOM Update, 1:30 p.m., and, executive, briefing on FBI Update, 4 p.m., 304-HVC.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Global Climate Change, 2:30 p.m., 304 HVC.